
Appendix H

Congressional Mandate

Excerpted From

H.R.2684

**Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and
Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000**

(Public Law 106-74; Oct. 20, 1999)

TITLE V--PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SEC. 525. COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE FACILITY NEEDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT- There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Care Facility Needs in the 21st Century (in this section referred to as the Commission)

(b) STUDY- The duty of the Commission shall be to conduct a study that--

- (1) compiles and interprets information regarding the expected increase in the population of persons 62 years of age or older, particularly information regarding distribution of income levels, homeownership and home equity rates, and degree or extent of health and independence of living;
- (2) provides an estimate of the future needs of seniors for affordable housing and assisted living and health care facilities;
- (3) provides a comparison of estimate of such future needs with an estimate of the housing and facilities expected to be provided under existing public programs, and identifies possible actions or initiatives that may assist in providing affordable housing and assisted living and health care facilities to meet such expected needs;
- (4) identifies and analyzes methods of encouraging increased private sector participation, investment, and capital formation in affordable housing and assisted living and health care facilities for seniors through partnerships between public and private entities and other creative strategies;
- (5) analyzes the costs and benefits of comprehensive aging-in-place strategies, taking into consideration physical and mental well-being and the importance of coordination between shelter and supportive services;
- (6) identifies and analyzes methods of promoting a more comprehensive approach to dealing with housing and supportive service issues involved in aging and the multiple governmental agencies involved in such issues, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- (7) examines how to establish intergenerational learning and care centers and living arrangements, in particular to facilitate appropriate environments for families consisting only of children and a grandparent or grandparents who are the head of the household.